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Total DDI	253	281

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5. Tab B is a projection of the personnel which will be needed by the Directorate of Intelligence to meet minimum requirements on China through 1970. As you know, the long-term personnel requirements for EPIC are among the matters now under intensive study by the Joint Imagery Interpretation Review Group. I prefer, therefore, not to submit a formal projection of EPIC's personnel requirements on China until I have had an opportunity to review the matter thoroughly and consider the findings of the JIIRG study. We are now developing our budget needs for 1968 and supplemental needs for 1967, and China requirements will be emphasized in both.

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Deputy Director for Intelligence

Attachments

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Full Time DDI Personnel Working on Communist China as of  
1 January 1964 and 1 January 1965

	<u>January 1964</u>	<u>January 1965</u>	<u>FY 1966 Supplemental</u>	<u>Total FY 1966</u>
CCI	11	13	---	13
ORR	28	25 1/	6	31
OBI	5	5	4	9
ONE	3	3	3	6
RES. ST./DDI	3	3 3/	5	8
CC2/DDI	1	2	---	2
FBIS	43	42 5/	---	42
DCS	5	7	---	7
OCN	46	43 4/	9	52
Subtotal	145	143	27	170
NPIC	119	133	---	133
TOTAL	263	281	27	308

- 1/ The net reduction of three in ORR was caused principally by the need to divert analysts in the Economic Research Area to support of Vietnam, South and Southeast Asia.
- 2/ One individual is excluded here because his "action" duties on China have largely removed him from "research".
- 3/ This small reduction was caused by an overall T/O cut of 15 positions FBIS had to take in mid-1964.
- 4/ Similarly an overall T/O cut forced this reduction on CC2.

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TAB B

BDI Personnel Strength Requirements  
for Communist China Target\*

	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>
OCI	20	30	40	50
ODR	44	56	61	70
ODI	15	19	20	20
ONE	6	6	6	6
Res. St./DDI	6	7	8	8
COM/BDI	3	4	5	6
FBIS	51	51	51	51
DCS	7	7	7	7
OCR	<u>77</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>90</u>
Total*	223	262	285	308

\*Excluding NPIC

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